



From the Chair's Desk

WELCOME

Dear MIMM members,

There is nothing better than to start the New Year with great news! Thanks to the generosity of our community, the department has received 3 important philanthropic donations that will help us to excel in our academic mission. Here they are in chronological order:

The **Wares Family Fellowship Award in Microbiology and Immunology**. This is a fellowship award given to our department by the Wares Family and aimed at providing matching, seed funding for a postdoctoral fellowship tenured at the laboratory of a primary member of MIMM. The Graduate and Postdoctoral Education Committee will coordinate the granting of this award, the first awardee expected to be announced in mid-late Spring 2014. Stay tuned.

The **Ralph Steinman Science Undergraduate Research Award in Microbiology and Immunology**. This award will provide 2 stipends for summer students to do research in the laboratories of MIMM primary faculty members. The selection committee will be coordinated by the Faculty of Science.

Bequeath from the **Estate of Muriel Radcliffe (Lennard)**. This gift will provide funding for research programs of the department and MDTC. It will also support the establishment of a departmental boardroom and it will help us continue outreach activities.

At this time, I would like to express my wholehearted thank you to all our donors for the honor of their trust. A formal recognition to the donors will take place at the MIMM Annual Gala.

I would also like to thank you all, primary and associate faculty, staff and trainees of the department for your help in fundraising and community outreach activities. I feel extremely fortunate to work with you all.

Enjoy the February Newsletter!

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Publications of the Month

Overlapping and Distinct Roles of *Aspergillus fumigatus* UDP-glucose 4-Epimerases in Galactose Metabolism and the Synthesis of Galactose-containing Cell Wall Polysaccharides. Lee MJ, Gravelat FN, Cerone RP, Baptista SD, Campoli PV, Choe SI, Kravtsov I, Vinogradov E, Creuzenet C, Liu H, Berghuis AM, Latgé JP, Filler SG, Fontaine T, Sheppard DC. *J Biol Chem*. 2014 Jan 17;289(3):1243-56. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24257745>



